



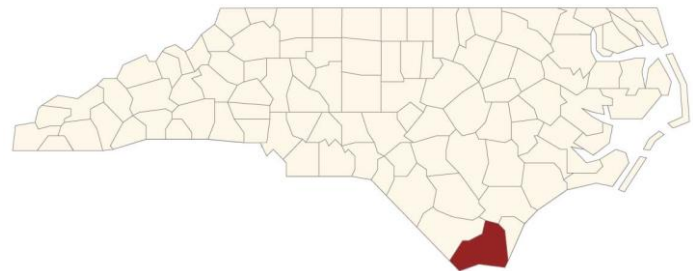
On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama. ARRA provides increased support to several existing federal programs administered by states, creates new programs such as the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, and offers opportunities for states to apply for competitive grant programs.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's significant investment in North Carolina totaled almost \$19.5 billion, including assistance for those needing help the most through increases in unemployment benefits, Medicaid payments, and food stamps. In addition to those expanded services, ARRA gives hundreds of thousands of working North Carolinians a break through tax credits like the *Making Work Pay* tax credit and the *First Time Homebuyer's* tax credit.

The Recovery Act is not like earlier attempts to revive the nation's economy. It is not only a one-time infusion of federal funds; instead it is a long-term effort to restore economic expansion in the short-term, as well as prepare the nation's economy for stable, healthy long-term growth. Under the terms of the Recovery Act, support for North Carolina's economy will include both investments made directly by the federal government and investments of federal funds that are made under the oversight of the North Carolina state government.

## American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Report, Brunswick County

Brunswick County received more than \$185 million in ARRA funding in grants, loans, and bonds. The following report outlines the various funding categories that contributed to the Brunswick County total.



**Pell Grant Awards:**  
**800**



**Small Business Jobs:**  
**201**

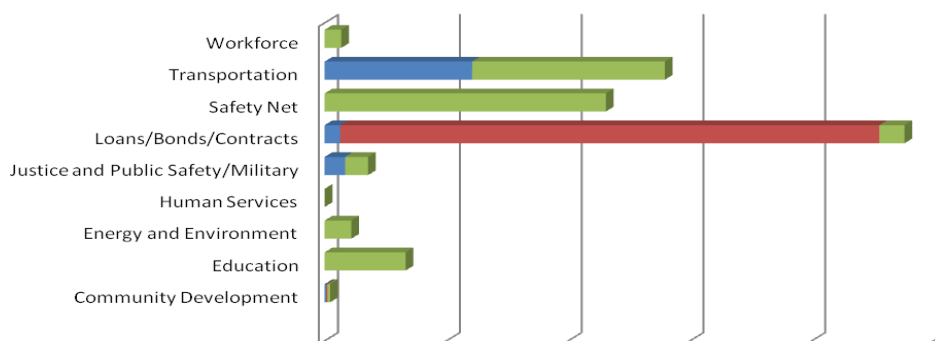


**Appliances rebated:**  
**301**



**Family homes financed:**  
**177**

### Brunswick County Totals



**Brunswick County,**  
pop 107,431 at a glance:

**Recovery Act Totals:**  
Grants: \$119,128,942.70  
Loans: \$10,070,990.58  
Bonds: \$56,790,000

**Total: \$185,989,933.28**



## Education

The Recovery Act placed a special emphasis on maintaining education funding. Governor Beverly Perdue furthered this commitment by pledging additional recovery funds from the Recovery Act to education, and leading North Carolina to additional funds by winning \$400 million in the Race to the Top program.

Most of the ARRA education funds are distributed to local schools through existing funding formulas. Special Education Funds and Title I funds go to schools based on eligible student enrollment. State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) and the EduJobs grants were designed to hold schools harmless during the recession, and were distributed to public and charter schools. The school systems have spent the majority of the funds on staff and support. Some projects, such as Race to the Top, will be spent for purchasing products and services rather than salaries for staff.

Authorization for low/no interest bonds for school construction/renovation followed the Department of Public Instruction procedures with initial allotments to the school systems. If a school system could not utilize their allotment, it was released to other school systems that could utilize additional allotments.

**Brunswick County schools** received \$15 million in education funding, including \$3 million in Special Education funds, \$2.5 million in Title I funds, \$7 million in SFSF funds, \$1.5 million in Race to the Top funding.

Pell Grants are an educational Assistance Program that provides grants to eligible students to receive post-secondary or vocational training. Because Pell Grants are not student loans, they allow students to receive financial assistance to further education and training without incurring additional debt. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act increased the eligibility and the maximum amount of Pell Grants in 2009 and 2010 as a way to encourage educational opportunities, and to provide a way for eligible applicants to gain new job skills.

**In Brunswick County**, Brunswick County Community College had 800 students funded by Pell Grants; these grants were worth more than \$1 million.



## Family Assistance

The Federal Department of Agriculture increased funding to their Single-Family home program with the ARRA. These resources assisted families in achieving the American Dream of home ownership through direct financial assistance (grants) or credit (loan guarantees). This program pumped more than \$729 million into North Carolina, providing assistance to more than 5,400 families.

**In Brunswick County**, 177 families received assistance through this program totaling more than \$26 million.

The Department of Energy created the Energy Star Appliance rebate program to help stimulate the economy by incentivizing the purchase of new, more energy efficient appliances, and helping consumers by providing long-term savings from their utility bills. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce managed the program insuring North Carolina residents and retailers received the maximum benefit from this opportunity. North

Carolina retailers sold more than 25,500 new energy efficiency appliances through this program, and North Carolina residents will enjoy energy savings for years to come. The program was so successful, that the State Energy Office reprogrammed additional funding to provide discounts to everyone participating in the program, bringing the total program value from \$8 up to \$10 Million.

**Brunswick County** retailers sold 301 appliances through the Energy Star Appliance rebate program.



## Small Business Assistance

The ARRA provided tax breaks, increased depreciation of business assets, and incentives for hiring for small businesses through the tax law changes found in Part B of the Act. The Recovery Act also established direct aid programs through the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA). These programs provided grants, loans and loan guarantees to grant small businesses access to much-needed operational credit during 2009 and 2010.

**In Brunswick County** 19 small businesses received SBA loan guarantees worth almost \$5 million. According to the small businesses receiving these loans, the Recovery Act saved or created 201 jobs.



## Farm Assistance

The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program is administered by the Farm Services Administration in the federal Department of Agriculture, which provides assistance to farmers suffering crop losses due to natural disasters. To qualify for the program a farm must have lost at least 10% of one crop during a natural disaster in a declared disaster county, or lost 50% of a crop during a disaster in a non-disaster county. North Carolina farmers received more than \$9 million in total payments under the ARRA-Funded SURE Program.

**In Brunswick County**, \$94,306 was received in assistance to farmers because of crop loss to natural disasters.



## CARS Program

The Car Allowance Rebate Program (CARS), more widely known as the 'Cash-for-Clunkers' program, provided an incentive for drivers of older, energy inefficient vehicles to upgrade to new cars. This program also provided a large economic impact in North Carolina, and North Carolina dealers received more than 18,000 trade-in vehicles through this program. North Carolina Car Dealers sold more than \$400,000,000 worth of new cars (recommended MSRP) through the CARS program. North Carolina drivers will save 172,130 miles per gallon through cars purchased through this program.

**In Brunswick County**, car dealers sold 27 cars worth \$606,000 through the ARRA CARS program.



## Justice and Public Safety Programs

ARRA increased funding to the federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grants Program (JAG). JAG funds were awarded both as a formula allocation to the State, for \$34.5 million, and grants distributed by the Governor's Crime Commission to various local governments and entities. In addition, \$21,853,798 went to 216 local governments across the state for various purposes in line with the requirements of the act. Finally, there is a federal competitive portion that was open to state or local government applicants.

**In Brunswick County,** more than \$100,000 in ARRA funded public safety grants were received by county and local governments.

The COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) awards grants to law enforcement agencies to hire and train community policing professionals, acquire and deploy cutting-edge crime-fighting technologies, and develop and test innovative policing strategies. COPS funding also provides training and technical assistance to community members and local government leaders and all levels of law. In order to help leverage the efficiency of these programs Governor Perdue set aside additional funding to help pay for uniforms and equipment for local governments who have new COPS funded positions.

**In Brunswick County,** the town of Ocean Isle received a COPS grant to fund 1 officer.

Additionally the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) established the ARRA Firestation Construction Grant (FSG). The program was a national competitive program designed to improve firefighter safety and response capability/capacity based on need through the construction, renovation or modification of fire stations.

**In Brunswick County,** the Navassa Volunteer Fire Department and the Sunset Beach Fire Department both received FSC Grants. These grants were collectively worth more than \$3 million.



## Green Energy Programs

One of the goals of ARRA was to provide grants to help conserve energy and assist in the development of a green economy. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce received large grants for energy conservation under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. These grants include the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), funded at just under \$20 million, and the State Energy Plan (SEP), funded at \$70 million. The State Energy Office then used these grants to make awards to businesses, non-profits, and local governments for various purposes.

**In Brunswick County,** the Brunswick County Schools received an EECBG grant of \$48,300 to upgrade South Brunswick Middle School, Belville Elementary School, Lincoln Elementary School, Leland Middle School, South Brunswick High School and North Brunswick High School. DAK Americas received an SEP grant of \$500,000 to replace the HVAC system

in their administration building and convert to chilled water based, variable air volume system incorporating multiple frictionless magnetic bearing centrifugal chillers with water cooled condensers. Boiling Spring Lakes received an SEP grant of \$170,024 upgrade to energy efficient lighting and install room occupancy sensors. Alganomics, in Southport, received a Green Business Fund grant of \$70,500 to convert the power sources for their photobioreactor systems to renewable solar energy systems.



## Safety Net Programs

Safety net programs are the category of ARRA funding that consists of programs designed to help populations made particularly vulnerable by the economic crisis. These generally include increases in existing programs, most notably the increase in both benefit level and duration of unemployment payments. Increases in the amount and duration of unemployment payments makes up the largest chunk of safety net programs funded through the Recovery Act, totaling more than \$3.5 billion statewide over more than two years. Safety net programs such as unemployment insurance and SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps), not only benefit the recipient, but have a proven economic impact on a community.

**Brunswick County** residents received more than \$33.3 million in Unemployment Insurance increases during the 2 ½ year ARRA benefits increase. County residents also received \$5.7 million in SNAP benefit increases, and \$7 million in one-time payments of \$250 to social security recipients.



## Brunswick County Feature Story

### Brunswick County Fights Fire with Recovery Grants

The Recovery Act provided more than \$3 billion to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and General Services Administration (GSA) in support of homeland security programs. Of that amount, more than \$210 million went to the DHS, who established through the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) the ARRA Firestation Construction (FSC) Grant program, to enhance the safety of rural communities.

“America’s firefighters play a critical role in disaster prevention and response,” said DHS Secretary Napolitano. “These Recovery Act-funded fire station construction projects and upgrades will strengthen community preparedness and the nation’s emergency response capabilities.”



Nationwide, fewer than 120 Firestation Construction Grants were awarded. Brunswick County received two FSC awards. A \$1.6 million grant was awarded to the Navassa Volunteer Fire Department. The other FSC grant was awarded to the Sunset Beach Fire Department, in the amount of \$1.4 million.

The Navassa Volunteer Fire Department is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that has served the citizens of Brunswick County for over 20 years. The department serves the Town limits of Navassa as its primary response district. The department’s primary mission is to preserve life & property, and provides first response, search and rescue, and fire suppression services.

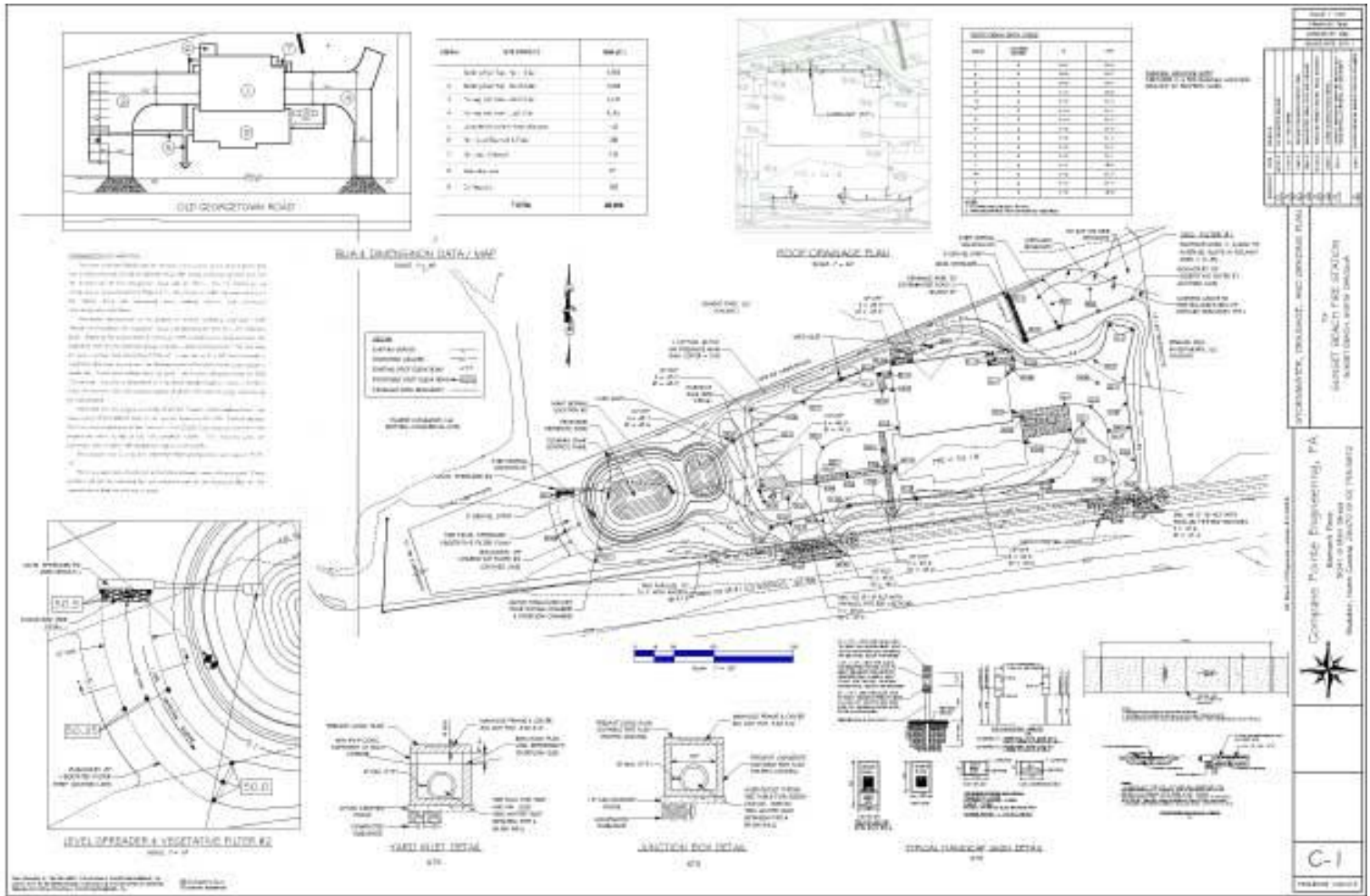
The Department was awarded the FSC in the first round of grants in September of 2009. The grant enabled the construction of the new Brown Moore Station. Since the beginning of the construction of the new station in early 2010, the project employed an average of 10 jobs per quarter through the completion of the project in early 2011.

The new Brown Moore Fire Station is currently operational and exceeds initial expectations. The new facility includes bays for vehicles for both land and water search and rescue, meeting spaces, equipment testing, and new training areas.



The Sunset Beach Fire Department also received a FSC grant for the construction of a new station. The department coordinates fire and rescue services through the Brunswick County Emergency Services 911 System. The Department offers mutual aid assistance to Brunswick County Emergency Services, Ocean Isle Beach Fire Department, Calabash Fire/Rescue Department, Grissettown-Longwood Fire Department, Shallotte Point Volunteer Fire Department, and Waccamaw Volunteer Fire Department.

The town is now in the process of building a second fire station on Old Georgetown Road with funding from a Fire Station Construction grant that was awarded by FEMA in 2010.



Once constructed, the new fire station will be staffed with certified personnel 24 hours per day, seven days per week including all holidays. The addition of the new station will ensure that immediate response time is guaranteed for the newly annexed areas and the northern portions of the fire district area, including areas such as Sea Village, and rural areas along Old-Georgetown Road and Seaside Road.

The bidding for the new fire station began in early 2011, and construction began later the same year. As of mid-year 2011 the foundation of the new station was complete and work on the structure had begun. The initial phase of the construction created almost 50 new jobs.





## Appendix, Brunswick County breakout

Federal Agency	Program Title	Recipient name	Recipient role <sup>i</sup>	Prime Amount <sup>ii</sup>	Unique Sub Awards <sup>iii</sup>	Loans	Additional Economic Activity (not counted toward totals) <sup>iv</sup>
	Bonds		P		\$25,990,000.00		
		Bald Head Island	P		\$15,000,000.00		
		Brunswick County	P		\$14,000,000.00		
		Macon, County Of	P		\$1,800,000.00		
	Cash for Clunkers		S			\$111,500.00	
	Federal Pell Grant Program	Brunswick Community College	P				
	Very Low to Moderate Income Housing Loans - Guaranteed	Individuals	L		\$26,896,885.11		
<b>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</b>	ARRA - Immunization	Brunswick, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,825.00	
<b>Department of Agriculture</b>	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Multiple Individuals	S			\$5,723,992.84	
<b>Department of Energy</b>	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG)	Brunswick County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$48,300.00	
<b>Department of Health and Human Services</b>	Aging Congregate Nutrition Services for States	Brunswick Senior Resources	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Aging Home-Delivered Nutrition Services for States	Brunswick Senior Resources	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Department of Housing and Urban Development</b>	Community Development Block Grants - State HI	Navassa Town Hall Inc	S	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Department of Justice</b>	No CFDA for Contract type awards	Brunswick, County Of	P	\$80,091.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants	Ocean Isle Beach, Town Of	P	\$145,288.00	\$0.00		\$145,288.00
	Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice	Brunswick, County Of	P	\$19,464.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

	Assistance Grant (JAG) Program / Grants To Units Of Local Government					
				\$80,091.00	\$0.00	\$80,091.00
	Recovery Act - Eward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program/ Grants to States and Territories	Brunswick, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$136,604.90
				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$136,604.90
		Ocean Isle Beach, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
<b>Department of Labor</b>	Unemployment Insurance	Multiple Individuals	S			\$33,373,927.24
<b>DOD</b>						
<b>Environmental Protection Agency</b>	Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State Revolving Funds	Brunswick, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000,000.00
<b>Federal Emergency Management Agency</b>	Assistance to Firefighters Grant (ARRA)	Bobbitt Design Build	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$160,000.00
		High Rise Service Company	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28,500.00
		Navassa Volunteer Fire Dept	P	\$1,607,950.00	\$0.00	\$1,607,950.00
		Sunset Beach Fire Department	P	\$1,494,103.00	\$0.00	\$1,494,103.00
<b>Federal Highway Administration</b>	Highway Planning and Construction	Arcadis G&M of NC	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$523,560.12
		Barnhill Contracting Company	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,987,548.70
				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		North Carolina Department Of Transportation	P	\$14,725,487.00	\$0.00	\$14,725,487.00
				\$6,702,506.00	\$0.00	\$6,702,506.00
				\$2,800,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,800,000.00
		S.T. Wooten Corporation	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,906,027.88
<b>Food and Nutrition Service</b>	Child Nutrition Discretionary Grants Limited Availability	Brunswick County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,620.35
<b>Idaho Operations Office</b>	Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (EEARP)		P		\$0.00	\$54,351.03
<b>Indian Affairs (Assistant</b>	No CFDA for Contract type	Carl & Sons Construction	P	\$137,000.00	\$0.00	\$137,000.00

<b>Secretary)</b>	awards	Company, Inc.				
<b>National Energy Technology Laboratory</b>	State Energy Program	Brunswick County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$170,024.00
<b>Office of Elementary and Secondary Education</b>	Education Technology State Grants, Recovery Act	Brunswick County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$61,590.00
	School Improvement Grants, Recovery Act	Brunswick County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,996,081.00
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Education State Grants, Recovery Act	Brunswick Community College	S	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$280,428.99
		Brunswick County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,047,702.00
		Charter Day School, Inc	S	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$596,420.00
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grants, Recovery Act	Brunswick County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,628,238.00
		Charter Day School, Inc	S	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$54,060.00
	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, Recovery Act	Brunswick County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,426,668.00
		Charter Day School, Inc	S	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$82,624.00
<b>Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services</b>	Special Education - Preschool Grants, Recovery Act	Brunswick County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$99,197.00
	Special Education Grants to States, Recovery Act	Brunswick County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,521,976.00
		Charter Day School, Inc	S	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$198,606.36
<b>Rural Housing Service</b>	Community Facilities Loans and Grants	Brunswick Community College	P	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$200,000.00
		Cedar Grove Improvement Association, The	P	\$37,500.00	\$0.00	\$37,500.00
				\$0.00	\$212,500.00	\$212,500.00
<b>Small Business Administration</b>	Loans	Beach Enterprises Of Calabash	L		\$25,000.00	

		Bluewave Dentistry	L		\$476,300.00		
		Colby Roofing & Sheet Metal Co	L		\$32,300.00		
		GPL Enterprises Inc	L		\$460,000.00		
		Great Atlantic Trading Company	L		\$5,000.00		
		Green Up, Inc	L		\$35,000.00		
		Hydro Gas Inc	L		\$300,000.00		
		Love Cleaners	L		\$29,000.00		
		M & W Entertainment LLC	L		\$5,000.00		
		Ocean Wood Working, Inc.	L		\$240,000.00		
		Paul T Steinke	L		\$50,000.00		
		Phillip Mciver D.D.S. P.A.	L		\$1,407,000.00		
		Shallotte Rent-All, LLC	L		\$150,000.00		
		Splish Splash Dog Wash Inc	L		\$34,800.00		
		Stephen Caracciolo	L		\$25,000.00		
		Sunrise Pancake House	L		\$1,560,000.00		
		Totally Chic Salon, Inc	L		\$35,000.00		
SSA	Social Security Economic Recovery Act Payments	Multiple Individuals	P			\$7,096,000.00	\$246,403.91
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - civil program financing only	No CFDA for Contract type awards	Tetra Tech, Inc.	P	\$246,403.91	\$0.00		\$216,113.68
		Wayne's Backhoe Service Inc	P	\$216,113.68	\$0.00		
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, except civil program financing	No CFDA for Contract type awards	Associates Roofing & Construction, Inc.	P	\$1,868,160.00	\$0.00		\$1,868,160.00
		Crowder Construction Co.	S	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$1,668,000.00
USACE							
Grand Total				\$30,360,157.59	\$88,768,785.11	\$66,860,990.58	\$39,801,090.32

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<sup>i</sup> Recipient Role are as follows: P is a prime recipient; S is a Sub-recipient; PV is a vendor to a prime recipient; SV is a vendor to a sub-recipient; L is a loan recipient.

<sup>ii</sup> Prime Amounts are unique prime awards within a county. These are entities who have received funding directly from a federal agency, and are required to report directly to [www.federalreporting.gov](http://www.federalreporting.gov)

<sup>iii</sup> Unique Sub Awards are amounts that flow into a county from a source that is NOT directly from a Federal Agency. Generally these are funds awarded to the North Carolina State Government that have been directed to a local source.

<sup>iv</sup> Additional Economic Activity are economic activity attributable to a previous funding category. They may be a sub award by a prime recipient within a county, or a contract funded by one of the previous three columns. This economic activity is not counted toward the county total.